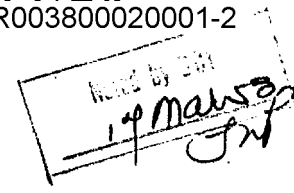


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(NSC Action Nos. 729-b and 735)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 137TH NSC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1953;
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U.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC
(Progress Report, dated January 19, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2)

To note an oral presentation on the subject, arranged by the Director for Mutual Security based on the reference Progress Report. The Secretary of Commerce is being invited to attend the Council meeting in connection with this item. Scheduled as item 1.

U.S. CIVIL AVIATION POLICY TOWARD THE USSR AND ITS SATELLITES
(Progress Report, dated February 9, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 15/3)

To note the reference Progress Report by the Under Secretary of State on the subject. The Secretary of Commerce is being invited to attend the Council meeting in connection with this item. Scheduled as item 2.

SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S. SECURITY

For discussion of the subject in the light of an oral briefing by the Director of Central Intelligence. Scheduled as item 3.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA

(NSC 144 and the Annex to NSC 144; NSC 56/2; NSC Action No. 714-b)

The Council at its meeting on February 18 noted the President's desire that the development of a policy on Latin America be expedited (NSC Action No. 714-b). A draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the senior NSC staff, has been submitted to the Council as NSC 144. This statement of policy also includes a financial appendix. A related NSC staff study has been circulated separately as the Annex to NSC 144 for Council information. Scheduled for consideration as item 4.

REVIEW OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES; THE MUTUAL SECURITY PROGRAM

(NSC 20/4; NSC 68/2; NSC 135/3 and Annex to NSC 135/1; NSC 135; NSC 141; NSC 142; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 6 and 18, 1953; Memo for NSC from

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REVIEW OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES; THE MUTUAL SECURITY PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Executive Secretary, subject, "Budget Considerations Bearing on the NSC Review of Basic National Security Policies", dated March 5, 1953; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Cost of National Security Programs", dated February 24, 1953; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Budget Outlook Based on Programs of Previous Administration", dated February 17, 1953; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "Reexamination of United States Programs for National Security", dated January 23, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 668, 705-b, 726 and 730)

The Council at its meeting on September 3, discussed NSC 135/1, "Reappraisal of United States Objectives and Strategy for National Security", and referred it to the Senior NSC Staff for revision. A revised report was subsequently adopted by the NSC on September 24, approved by the President on September 25, and issued as NSC 135/3. The Staff Study for NSC 135/3 is contained in the Annex to NSC 135/1.

The Council at its meeting on September 3, also noted that the President directed the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Director for Mutual Security jointly to undertake, in consultation as appropriate with other departments and agencies, the preparation of materials necessary for a reexamination of the amounts and allocations of resources to various areas in terms of kind, quantity, timing and priority (NSC Action No. 668)

At the direction of the President, a memorandum to the President from the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Director for Mutual Security, and its attached report on the subject, submitted pursuant to NSC Action No. 668, were transmitted as NSC 141 for the consideration of the NSC. Appendices, which were of assistance to the Steering Committee in reaching the conclusions contained in NSC 141, were circulated separately by the reference memo of January 23, through members of the Senior NSC Staff.

The Council on February 4 noted an oral report by Mr. Cutler of the President's desire that the Council initiate discussion of the basic over-all policies in NSC 20/4, NSC 68/2, NSC 135/3 and NSC 141 at its next meeting on the basis of summaries to be circulated. The Council on February 11 discussed the subject on the basis of documents transmitted by the reference memo of February 6, and agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting of the Council (NSC Action No. 712). Report on the "Status of United States Programs for National Security as of December 31, 1952", was transmitted to the Council as NSC 142 for its information in connection with this basic policy review.

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REVIEW OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES (Cont'd)

The Council at its meeting on February 18, discussed the subject on the basis of the documents transmitted by the reference memos of February 6 and February 17, and in the light of an oral briefing by the Director, Bureau of the Budget (see reference memo of February 18), and agreed to continue discussion at subsequent meetings, including special meetings, of the Council.

Cost estimates for the national security programs derived primarily from projections in the enclosures to the reference memo of February 17, were transmitted by the reference memo of February 24 for the information of the Council. The Council at its meeting on February 25: (a) discussed the subject in the light of the memorandum on costs; (b) agreed that each department and agency should review the figures on its program contained in the reference memorandum of February 24, 1953; and (c) decided to establish an ad hoc committee of civilian consultants to the National Security Council to study and advise the Council on basic national security policies and programs in relation to their costs. (NSC Action No. 726.)

The Council on March 4: (a) agreed that the initial visit to Washington of the Consultants for this subject should be chiefly for briefing purposes, and they should then be asked to return at a later date to give their reactions to the preliminary views of the Council members when more fully developed; (b) noted a statement by the Director, Bureau of the Budget, regarding the assumptions underlying the budget outlook, and proposing the assumptions as a basis for considering the security effects of approaching a balanced budget in FY 1954 and achieving a balanced budget in FY 1955 (reference memo of March 5); and (c) noted that the Department of Defense and the Office of the Director for Mutual Security will submit to the Council by March 17 statements as to (1) the revisions in their respective programs which would be necessary to reduce them to the levels indicated in paragraph b of the Council's action, and (2) the effects of these revisions in relation to currently approved national security policies and objectives (NSC Action No. 730). A report by the Office of the Director for Mutual Security on the mutual security program, prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 730-c, which is to be circulated, if possible, prior to the Council meeting, is scheduled for discussion as item 5.

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B. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

NSC 26 SERIES

(Progress Report, dated March 9, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on the NSC 26 Series)

The reference Progress Report by the Under Secretary of State on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council, and will be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN

(NSC 125/2; NSC 125/3 and Annex to NSC 125/3; NSC Action No. 660; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 7, 1952)

In connection with the President's approval of NSC 125/2 he directed that the general structure of a U.S. program to implement the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 thereof should, where suitable, be explored by the Department of State in consultation with the Departments of Defense and Commerce, the Office of the Director for Mutual Security, the Office of Defense Mobilization and other appropriate agencies, and that the main elements of such a program should be reported back to the Council at the earliest possible time (reference memo of August 7).

At the request of the Under Secretary of State, his report on the subject, consisting of the following two parts, has been transmitted as NSC 125/3 for the information and consideration of the NSC: Part One - a Progress Report on NSC 125/2, transmitted for the information of the Council; Part Two - a statement of the main elements of the United States program to implement the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 of NSC 125/2, prepared pursuant to the directive of the President, transmitted for the consideration of the NSC. A detailed presentation of the present status and future program with respect to the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 of NSC 125/2 has been circulated separately as an Annex to NSC 125/3 for Council information in connection with its consideration of Part Two of the report. Awaiting consideration by the Council.

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3. CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS

A. SENIOR NSC STAFF

UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST

(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 2, 1953; NSC 48/5; NSC 118/2; NSC 124/2; NSC 125/2; NSC 84/2; NSC 141; Records of the Meetings of the Senior Staff on January 29 and February 3, 1953)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question, with Council guidance and after review and reappraisal of existing policies.

The Senior Staff at its meeting on February 3, discussed the subject and agreed that the reports on the Far East to be prepared for Council consideration should consist of: (a) an over-all report covering U. S. objectives, main lines of policy and courses of action in the Far East, to replace NSC 48/5; (b) a series of separate reports as required covering in greater detail U. S. policy toward individual countries in the Far East (see projects on Formosa, Korea and Southeast Asia below); and (c) reports on special regional problems, in particular a report on the development of regional collective security arrangements in the Pacific.

Pursuant to the request of the Senior Staff, a check-list of national intelligence estimates bearing on Far Eastern policy has been circulated by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence/Intelligence for the information of the Senior Staff. Draft statement of policy on the subject, as tentatively agreed by the Senior Staff at meetings on February 26 and 27, has been transmitted by the reference memo of March 2 for information of the Senior Staff. Its submission to the Council is being deferred pending Senior Staff review of U. S. policies relating to Korea, Formosa and Southeast Asia (see below). Awaiting preparation of reports on Korea and Southeast Asia.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA

(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 3, 1953; NSC Action No. 624; NSC 128; NSC 48/5; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "United States Policy Toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government and Other Anti-Communist Chinese Forces", dated April 24, 1952)

The Council on April 2 (NSC Action No. 624): (a) discussed the reference report by the Acting Secretary of Defense on

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Formosa (NSC 128); and (b) directed the NSC Staff, after preliminary discussion by the Departments of State and Defense and CIA, to prepare a report for Council consideration in the light of a review of NSC 48/5, insofar as it pertains to United States policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-Communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff contained in NSC 128.

The Senior Staff on April 29 discussed the subject on the basis of the reference memo of April 24 reporting the results of the preliminary discussions pursuant to NSC Action No. 624-b, and constituted the Steering Committee on NSC 128, consisting of the Senior State, Defense, MS, JCS and CIA Members, to prepare for Senior Staff consideration a draft of the report called for by NSC Action No. 624-b in the light of the preliminary discussions.

Draft statement of policy on the subject, as tentatively agreed on by the Senior Staff at its meeting on March 2, has been transmitted by the reference memo of March 3 for the information of the Senior Staff. Submission of this report to the Council for its consideration is being deferred pending Senior Staff review of U. S. policies relating to Korea and Southeast Asia. A staff study is in preparation by the Staff Assistants (see same subject in Section 3-B below). Awaiting Senior Staff review of policies on Korea and Southeast Asia (see below).

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA
(NSC 124/2)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on February 7 discussed the subject in the light of forthcoming diplomatic negotiations, and agreed that NSC 124/2 should be reviewed in connection with the series of policy papers being prepared on specific countries or areas in Asia. Awaiting review of NSC 124/2 by the Senior Staff.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
(NSC 118/2; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 18, 1951; NIE-55; SE-20; SE-27; NSC Action No. 595)

The Council in adopting NSC 118/2, referred the alternative versions of subparagraph 2-b-(6) to the Senior Staff for review in the light of an analysis of the traffic in and out

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of Communist China and the probable effectiveness of an embargo or blockade (NSC Action No. 595-a-(4)). The Senior Staff on February 10 agreed to consider this subject further, with particular reference to paragraph 2-b of NSC 118/2, after completion of a paper on the subject now being prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Awaiting review of NSC 118/2 by the Senior Staff at its meeting on March 16.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITE STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE (Including East Germany)

(NSC 58/2; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 3, 1953)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question, with Council guidance and after review and reappraisal of existing policies. Draft statement of policy and staff study on the subject, prepared by State, have been transmitted to the Senior Staff by the reference memo. Awaiting consideration by the Senior Staff at an early meeting.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL

(NSC 129/1)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question, with Council guidance and after review and reappraisal of existing policies. Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAVIA
(NSC 18/2; NSC 18/6)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29, agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question, with Council guidance and after review and reappraisal of existing policies. Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

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(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject "Armaments and American Policy", dated February 4, 1953; Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings, September 6, 1950, February 23 and May 24, 1951 and January 27 and 29, 1953; NSC 79; NSC 112; NSC Action No. 725; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "United States and Allied Objectives in the Event of Global War", dated September 6, 1950)

On September 6, 1950, the Senior Staff discussed NSC 79 and designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include (1) a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, as recommended by the JCS; and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions that the U.S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites. On February 23, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff agreed that the NSC 79 project on United States and allied war objectives should be completed in two sections and that the section on the above subject, including a plan for reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces, should be completed as a matter of priority.

Report by the Secretaries of State and Defense in connection with the plan referred to above, adopted by the Council and approved by the President as NSC 112 on July 19, 1951. On July 10, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff noted that NSC 112 was the first step toward completion of this project and that further work would proceed in the light of Council action on NSC 112.

The Senior Staff on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including reconsideration of NSC 112, "The United States Position with Respect to the Regulation, Limitation and Balanced Reduction of Armed Forces and Armaments". Report on "Armaments and American Policy", recently submitted to the Secretary of State by the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmaments, was transmitted by the reference memo of February 4 for the information of the Senior Staff in connection with this project (see project just below).

The Senior Staff on February 12, discussed the report on "Armaments and American Policy" and agreed that NSC 112 should be reviewed by the Senior Staff in the light of the Consultants report, with a view to the preparation of recommendations on the subject for Council consideration. The Council at its meeting on February 18 agreed to explore between now and the next UN General Assembly meeting in September, the possibility of a new U. S. proposal on disarmament (NSC Action No. 717-b). Awaiting review of NSC 112 by the Senior Staff.

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ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY

(Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 4 and March 12, 1953; NSC Action No. 725)

Report on the subject submitted to the Secretary of State by the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmaments was transmitted by the reference memo of February 4. The Council on February 25 discussed the recommendations of the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmaments contained in this report, and referred the report to the Senior Staff, directing it, with the assistance of Dr. Vannevar Bush, one of the Panel, to report back to the Council on possible means of carrying out the recommendations (NSC Action No. 725).

The Senior Staff on March 2 discussed procedure for preparing the report called for by NSC Action No. 725 b and constituted an ad hoc committee, composed of State, Defense, AEC, CIA and PSB representatives (with Civil Defense participation as required), to consult Dr. Bush and prepare an initial draft report for consideration by the Senior Staff with the participation of Dr. Bush.) The Senior Staff was advised by the reference memorandum of March 12 of the membership of this ad hoc committee. The subject is scheduled for discussion at the meeting of the Senior Staff on March 16 with Dr. Bush and the ad hoc committee participating. (See also related project just above.)

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA
(NSC 98/1)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question, with Council guidance and after review and reappraisal of existing policies. Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NORTH AFRICA

(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 4, 1953)

Draft statement of policy and staff study on the subject, prepared by State were transmitted by the reference memo for consideration by the Senior Staff. Revised statement of policy and financial appendix on the subject have been prepared by the Staff Assistants and will be circulated for consideration by the Senior Staff at an early meeting.

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A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97 and NSC 97/2; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff of August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated July 24 and December 22, 1952, March 5 and 10, 1953; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", dated December 11, 1951; NSC Action No. 592)

At the direction of the President, a letter from the Acting Secretary of Defense on the subject (NSC 97) was referred to the Director of Defense Mobilization to develop a national petroleum program leading to the complete supply of allied requirements for consideration by the NSC. Interim report on the subject (NSC 97/1), prepared by the NSC Staff based largely on studies by ODM and PAD, was amended by the Council and submitted to the President on December 12, 1951 (NSC Action No. 592). The President on December 13, 1951, approved the Interim Recommendations contained in NSC 97/1, as amended, and directed their implementation by all executive departments and agencies of the U.S. Government under the coordination of the Director of Defense Mobilization. Report as amended subsequently issued as NSC 97/2.

Report by the Senior State Member on developments in foreign countries in connection with planning for petroleum allocations and rationing was circulated for Senior Staff information by the reference memo of July 24.

At the request of the Senior ODM Member, a report on a worldwide petroleum program to fuel a major war, prepared by PAD at the request of the Director of Defense Mobilization (PAD Report No. 435), was transmitted by the reference memo of December 22 for the information and use of the Senior Staff as the basis for a re-examination of NSC 97/2. The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 27, referred this project to the Staff Assistants for preparation of a report for Senior Staff consideration. Draft statement of policy and NSC Staff Study on the subject, prepared by the Staff Assistants, have been transmitted by the reference memo of March 5 for the consideration of the Senior Staff. Revised pages 28 and 29 for the draft report were transmitted by the reference memo of March 10. Awaiting consideration by the Senior Staff.

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UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR

(NSC 79; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 6, 1950)

JCS memo (NSC 79) circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff for use in the preparation of a report. The Senior Staff designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include both a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, and such related questions as a statement of the conditions that the U.S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites. At the initial meeting of the ad hoc group under the chairmanship of the State Member on October 6, 1950, the form and content of a response to the problems posed by NSC 79 were discussed and agreed upon.

On February 23, 1951, the Senior Staff agreed that this project should be divided as follows: (1) a statement of U.S. and allied war objectives in the event of a global war; and (2) a statement of the conditions the U.S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR, including a plan for the reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces.

At the request of the Senior State Member, a preliminary draft report on the subject prepared pursuant to the agreements of the Senior NSC Staff at its meetings on September 6, 1950 and February 23, 1951, by the Policy Planning Staff of the Department of State, has been transmitted for the information of the Senior Defense, JCS and CIA Members of the Senior Staff and referred for study to an ad hoc committee designated by the Senior State, Defense, JCS and CIA Members. Awaiting report by the ad hoc committee.

RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS

(Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff on November 27, 1951; NSC 97/2; NSC 129/1; NSC 136/1; NSC 138)

The Senior NSC Staff at its meeting on November 27, 1951, agreed that, in connection with but not necessarily as a part of the Mediterranean and Middle East project (see NSC 129/1 and NSC 136/1), the Department of Defense should prepare a study of the cost of the military effort in terms of feasibility, time and material, and the forces required to ensure the continued availability of oil from the Bahrein-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area, and the Office of Defense Mobilization

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RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS (Cont'd)

should prepare a study of the economic cost in terms of feasibility, time and material required to offset the loss of oil from that area. Preliminary studies by Defense and ODM have been received by the Steering Committee on this project. The Steering Committee on April 29 agreed that consideration of this project should be deferred pending receipt of the forthcoming report on the national petroleum program (see NSC 97 project above). Awaiting preparation of the report on the national petroleum program.

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B. NSC STAFF ASSISTANTS

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA

(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 3, 1953; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "Formosa," dated January 30, 1953; NSC Action No. 624; NSC 128; NSC 48/5; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "United States Policy Toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government and other Anti-Communist Chinese Forces," dated April 24, 1952)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on February 10, discussed the subject (see same subject in Section 2-A above) and directed the Staff Assistants to prepare a coordinated Staff study. A draft NSC Staff Study, prepared by the State, JCS, CIA and DMS Staff Assistants, was circulated on March 12 to the Staff Assistants and will be scheduled for consideration at an early meeting. Awaiting preparation of a Staff study by the Staff Assistants.

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4. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(NSC 140; Memo for NSC from Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 21, 1952; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 5, July 17 and 30, and August 30, 1951 and November 21, 25, and 26, 1952; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", dated November 25, 1952; NSC Actions Nos. 519, 543, 687 and 699; SE-14)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and its attached report by the ICIS on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 5, 1951, for Council consideration of the "Recommendations" contained in Part VII thereof and of the proposed National Security Council Directive. The views of the Director of Central Intelligence and of the JCS were transmitted to the NSC by the reference memos of July 17 and 30, 1951, respectively.

At its meeting on August 1, 1951, the Council agreed to the four steps proposed by the JCS in paragraph 3 of the memo transmitted by the reference memo of July 30, 1951, subject to the assignment of paragraph 3-b to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. The Council also agreed that the resulting reports should be integrated into a single report to it under the coordination of the Director of Central Intelligence with the assistance of representatives of the appropriate departments and agencies. A directive on the subject prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence to reflect this agreement was approved by the Council on August 30, 1951 (NSC Action No. 543 and reference memo of August 30, 1951).

A memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence on the subject and its attached summary evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the continental United States, prepared pursuant to the NSC directive transmitted by the reference memo of August 30, 1951, were submitted to the Council by the reference memo of October 21 for consideration of the recommendations contained in paragraph 5 of the memorandum. JCS views were submitted by the reference memo of November 25.

The Council, Mr. Murray for the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Acting Federal Civil Defense Administrator at the Council meeting on November 26: (a) received the summary evaluation transmitted by the reference memo of October 21 and amended by the reference memo of

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November 25 on the subject, as an initial effort in response to the NSC directive issued by NSC Action No. 543, and noted that it is characterized by a number of limitations and inadequacies; (b) instructed the Director of Central Intelligence, in collaboration with the JCS, the IIC, the ICIS, and, as required, officials of other governmental bodies, to prepare for early submission to the National Security Council, terms of reference for a more adequate evaluation of the USSR's net capability to inflict direct injury on the United States, and recommendations for the machinery necessary to produce for the NSC such a coordinated evaluation; and (c) deferred action, pending further study, on the recommendation in paragraph 5-c of the memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence enclosed with the reference memo of October 21, as amended by the Director of Central Intelligence and circulated at the meeting (NSC Action No. 687).

A directive prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to NSC Action No. 687-b above was concurred in by the Council on January 16 (NSC Action No. 699); approved by the President on January 19 and issued as NSC 140. Awaiting (a) summary evaluation of the USSR's net capability to inflict direct injury on the United States, to be submitted by the Special Evaluation Subcommittee on or before May 15 pursuant to NSC 140, and (b) further consideration by the Council of the recommendation of the DCI contained in paragraph 5-c of the memo of the DCI transmitted by the reference memo of October 21, as amended.

PROPOSAL FOR A VOLUNTEER FREEDOM CORPS

(NSC 143; NSC Action No. 724; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 24, 1953)

Memorandum by the President on the subject was transmitted to the NSC as NSC 143. Paper on the subject, submitted to the Senior Staff by the Senior Defense Member, was transmitted by the reference memo of February 24 for the information of the Council in connection with its consideration of NSC 143. The Council on February 25 approved in principle the proposal in NSC 143, but agreed that all aspects of the proposal should be studied for feasibility in the light of a detailed plan for its effectuation to be prepared by an ad hoc committee, such detailed plan to be submitted to the Council for further consideration. The ad hoc committee is to be composed of

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representatives of the Departments of State and Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Acting Director of the Psychological Strategy Board, and chaired by a retired high-ranking Army General. (NSC Action No. 724). Awaiting report by the ad hoc committee.

ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 14 and November 19, 1951; NSC Action No. 507; Para. 30, Progress Report, dated November 24, 1952, by the NSC Representative on Internal Security on NSC 17/4 and NSC 17/6)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS), enclosing a draft Presidential directive and a report and proposed regulations on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, 1951, for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. Approved by ODM, June 19; by Justice, June 21; by State, June 28; by Treasury, June 29; by NSRB, July 2; by AEC, July 9.

The Acting Secretary of Defense on July 2, 1951, recommended that the Council defer action on this memorandum until the Standing Group of the NATO had an opportunity to examine the proposed regulations. On July 11 the NSC agreed that further consideration should be deferred, pending the outcome of the NATO negotiations as recommended by the Acting Secretary of Defense (NSC Action No. 507).

Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and its attached report on the present status of negotiations within NATO were circulated by the reference memo of November 19, 1951, for the information of the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. In accordance with the proposal by the Department of Defense in the first sentence of the memorandum, the draft Presidential directive and related papers on the subject, transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, 1951, were referred back to the ICIS for reconsideration in the light of this memorandum from the Department of Defense. Awaiting report by the ICIS.

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(NSC Action No. 651; NSC 131 and NSC 131/1; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 9, 1952)

As requested by the Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator, a draft Policy Memorandum by the Federal Civil Defense Administration on the subject was transmitted as NSC 131 for consideration by the NSC of the policy contained in paragraph III thereof. A revised version of the draft Policy Memorandum by FCDA, which incorporated changes accepted by the FCDA as a result of discussion in the Senior NSC Staff, including those changes contained in the reference memo, was transmitted to the Council as NSC 131/1. Supporting staff study prepared by the FCDA was also transmitted by the reference memo for Council information. The Council at its meeting on June 18, with the Federal Civil Defense Administrator participating, discussed NSC 131 and NSC 131/1 and deferred action thereon (NSC Action No. 651). Awaiting further study by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the light of the discussion at the Council meeting.

THE USE OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF ITS USE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

(NSC Action No. 710; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "The Need for Immediate Review and Later Establishment of National Policy on the Use of Radio as a Medium for Psychological Operations and the Impact of its Use on National Security", dated February 5, 1953; NSC 137 and NSC 137/1; NSC 66/1; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Intelligence Support for the Voice of America With Regard to Soviet Jamming", dated January 2, February 26 and February 29, 1952; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Potential Soviet Attack on Our Essential Communications Systems and organizations", dated January 26, 1951; NSC Action No. 612)

At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject were transmitted as NSC 137 for consideration by the Council of the recommendations contained in the second and third paragraphs of the memorandum at an early Council meeting. A memorandum from the Under Secretary of State on the subject, with its two appendices, was subsequently transmitted to the Council as NSC 137/1 for consideration by the NSC of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the memo, together with Council consideration of NSC 137. The Senior Staff reviewed the problems raised by NSC 137 and NSC 137/1 and submitted a report and recommendations for consideration by the NSC (reference memorandum of February 5).

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The Council at its meeting on February 11, agreed: (a) that the Director of Central Intelligence should be requested to prepare within sixty days a coordinated assessment of the capabilities and probable intentions of the Soviet orbit for electromagnetic warfare; (b) that the President's Committee on International Information Activities should be requested to transmit as soon as possible to the National Security Council an evaluation, prepared in consultation with the Telecommunications Adviser to the President, of the use of radio as a medium for psychological operations, particularly: (1) its value in relation to other media; (2) the effect of curtailment as suggested by NSC 137; and (3) limitations placed upon the extent and flexibility of its use by such things as Soviet counter-measures, international agreements, adverse effect on friendly nations, and difficulties caused to other U.S. radio services; (c) that the question of technical policy in the use of radio for the preservation of the national security, including U.S. programs for effectuating such policy, should be referred to the Telecommunications Adviser to the President for recommendations to be prepared in consultation with all interested departments and agencies and the President's Committee on International Information Activities, and to be submitted to the NSC at the earliest possible date.

In connection with this action, the Council also noted the President's desire that the above studies should include examination of (1) U.S. capability for retaliatory jamming of Soviet communications, (2) desirability of continued U.S. action in order to increase the burden upon the USSR of conducting jamming activities, (3) effect on Soviet communications intelligence activities of Soviet jamming of Western communications and (4) necessity for continued U.S. effort to find technical means for countering Soviet jamming. (NSC Action No. 710)

Awaiting report by the Director of Central Intelligence, the President's Committee on International Information Activities and the Telecommunications Adviser to the President, pursuant to the above Council action.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL NUCLEAR POWER
(NSC 145; NSC Action No. 733)

The Council at its meeting on March 11 (a) discussed the reference report on the subject and agreed: (1) to refer the report to

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the Consultants established by NSC Action No. 726-c (see project on "Review of Basic National Security Policies in Section 2-A), to obtain their views regarding the proposals set forth therein; (2) that, pending receipt of such views, no additional funds for a pilot plant should be authorized, other than the approximately \$3,000,000 presently included in the Fiscal Years 1953 and 1954 budgets; and (3) that no subsidy to private enterprise should be contemplated, at least until further developmental work indicated the necessity therefor; and (b) noted the President's desire that the Atomic Energy Commission submit to him, in non-technical language, those changes in the Atomic Energy Act which would appear desirable at the present time, both for the development of practical nuclear power and for other purposes, so that these changes may be considered by all interested departments and agencies (NSC Action No. 733). Awaiting views of the Consultants established by NSC Action No. 726-c.

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